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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD
INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION HANDLING COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM FOR: IHC Members

SUBJECT : Use of Federal Information Processing Standards in
Exchange of Intelligence Data

1. The Chairman, IHC, on the recommendation of the System Design and Development Subcommittee (SD&DS) requested the USIB Secretariat to send the attached memorandum to USIB Members. This distribution is presently underway.

2. It should be noted that para. 2 of the attachment refers to Data Standards (Representations and Codes). In more precise terms this restricts respondents to considering those Standards presently covered by FIPS Publications 4, 5-1, 6-1, 8, 9, and 10.


Executive Secretary

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SUBJECT: Use of Federal Information Processing
Standards in Exchange of Intelligence Data

REFERENCES: (a) Bureau of the Budget Circular A-86
dated 30 September 1967

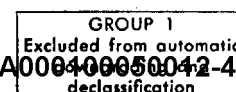
(b) DCID No. 1/15, Data Element and Code
Standardization for Intelligence and
Intelligence Information, 14 October 1969

1. Reference a. identified responsibilities in the executive branch of the government for the development and application of standard data elements and their related codes in data systems. It also directed each agency to use Federal standards announced under the provisions of the Circular whenever data are exchanged between and among agencies. In reference (b), the Director of Central Intelligence, with the concurrence of the USIB, directed that this policy apply specifically to intelligence and intelligence information exchanged in the USIB community, and assigned responsibility for furthering the Community Standards Program to the Intelligence Information Handling Committee (IHC).

2. To date twelve Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) publications have been promulgated by the Bureau of Standards. Of specific concern to the intelligence community, under the terms of reference (b), are those publications which deal with Data Standards (Representations and Codes).

3. The terms of these directives require that information transmitted from one agency data system to another in the intelligence community use federal data standards. This is especially true of those programs developed

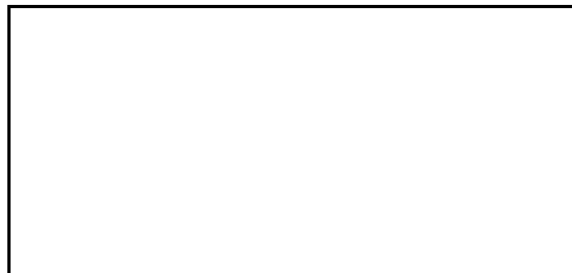
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under USIB guidance; for example, the Community On-Line Intelligence System (COINS), and the data to be transmitted under the terms of the Intelligence Guidance for COMINT Programming (IGCP).

4. Accordingly, in order to set a schedule for complying with the reference directives, the Director of Central Intelligence, on the recommendation of the Chairman of the IHC, requests that each USIB Principal forward to the IHC (Room 4E24, CIA Hqs.) by 15 July 1971 an indication of compliance or a timetable, as appropriate.



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